

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION
(37 CFR 1.63)**

As a below inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (or an original, first and joint) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

LOAD SECURING DEVICE AND METHOD FOR USING THE SAME

the specification of which

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is attached hereto

was filed on _____ as United States Application Number _____
(or PCT International Application Number _____) and was amended
on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby authorize and request my attorney to insert the application number and filing date, when known, into the assignment executed by me for this invention.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Application Number(s)	Foreign Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Claimed ?	Certified Copy Attached?

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Application Number(s)	Day/Month/Year Filed	Additional Provisional Application Numbers Listed on Supplemental Priority Data Sheet Attached
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States, § 120 of any United States application(s) or any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, of Federal Regulations Code, § 1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

U.S. Parent Application or PCT Parent Number	Parent Filing Date Day/Month/Year Filed	Parent Patent Number (if applicable)

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the Attorneys associated with Customer No. 027885, to prosecute the application identified above, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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